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Graphics Register Processing

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With primary responsibility for developing a system able to produce the limits of photograph or motion picture film to satisfy a request, the Graphics Register (GR) established the means for collecting * the lacunae and concentrated on working out the retrieval mechanism to produce the required item. Utilization of the EAM equipment available in the Machine Division and used by other OCR Divisions in their processing was a natural development by GR for its own program during the years, GR produced in 1959 a Reference Aid on Photographs and Motion Picture Films, 33 which described in detail its procedures, files and services. Summarized below from this

publication in individual treatment of each of the two types of material received

are the basic processing operations developed by GR to 1959.

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Though not discarding manual manipulation of the photographs themselves, GR developed

a system whereby IBM cards were prepared for retrieval of photos by geographic area,

significant subject, type

quality, security

glassification and the date of the photo. Photo Analysis Reports were prepared to

provide this information.

Ground photographs, after properly accessioned through a central control section in GR, were mounted on 5" x 8" cards with a visual subject index printed across the top. The visual subject index had 32 broad categories with each photo-bearing card color tabbed for appropriate subjects. The file user could thus pick out in short order See Chapter IV.

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